

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

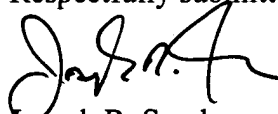
Upon entry of the present Amendment, newly submitted Claims 24-42 will be pending in this application and presented for examination. Claims 1-23 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants believe no new matter has been introduced. Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 24-42 find support, for example on page 19, line 4 through page 20, line 10; in Example 2 on page 26, line 3 through page 28, line 2; in Figure 4; and in the originally filed claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully requested early action on the merits.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,



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